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The attached Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is being submitted in place of the same amendment which was forwarded via fax to the PTO on April 7, 2004, but included the wrong application number (09/445,653, instead of 09/445,656). Any inconvenience caused by this mistake is regretted.

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OF BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AND  
METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 11, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: